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Docket No.: 826.1656

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Hiroshi, NISHIMOTO

Serial No. 09/749,426

Group Art Unit: 2633

Confirmation No. 5685

Filed: December 28, 2000

Examiner: Agustin Bello

For: OPTICAL NODE DEVICE AND SIGNAL SWITCHING AND CONNECTION METHOD

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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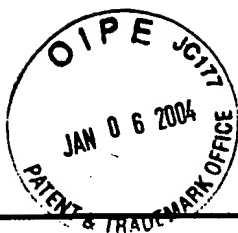
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on January 6, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.



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<b>REPLY/AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL</b>	Attorney Docket No.	826.1656	
	Application Number	09/749,426	
	Filing Date	December 28, 2000	
	First Named Inventor	Hiroshi, NISHIMOTO	
	Group Art Unit	2633	
AMOUNT ENCLOSED	0.00	Examiner Name	Agustin Bello

**FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/03)**

CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
TOTAL CLAIMS	15	- 20 =	0	X \$ 18.00 =	\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3	- 3 =	0	X \$ 86.00 =	0.00
Since an Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <u>January 6, 2004</u> , petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$420); 3 months (\$950); 4 months (\$1,480); 5 months (\$2,010)):					0.00
If Notice of Appeal is enclosed, add (\$330.00)					0.00
If Statutory Disclaimer under Rule 20(d) is enclosed, add fee (\$110.00)					0.00
Information Disclosure Statement (Rule 1.17(p)) (\$180.00)					
Total of above Calculations =					\$ 0.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28)					
<b>TOTAL FEES DUE =</b>					

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- ☒ If the above-noted "AMOUNT ENCLOSED" is not correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees necessary to:
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| Deposit Account No.  | 19-3935            |
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- ☒ The Commissioner is also authorized to credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 CFR 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application, including any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 USC § 120 (e.g., continuations/divisionals/CIPs under 37 CFR 1.53(b) and/or continuations/divisionals/CPAs under 37 CFR 1.53(d)) to maintain pendency hereof or of any such related application.

**SUBMITTED BY: STAAS & HALSEY LLP**

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